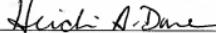


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment with a Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed August 7, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.